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The Oakhill Baptist Church Newsletter

PASTOR'S POINTS



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Dear Church Family,

I pray you are enjoying your summer with your family and friends! Summer time is an awesome time when we get to vacation, relax, and recharge ourselves. Many of us have been on vacation and there are more going on vacation soon. I encourage you to go and take advantage of that time to invest in yourselves and your families. Whether you take a staycation, or you travel to some destination, make time to slow down long enough to recharge your battery and invest in your family.

Often when summer comes churches find themselves in what is called a summer slump. But that is not the case for our church and I am so thankful for that fact. Even though many of us have been traveling on vacation, our year to date weekly worship average is at 529 which is right at a 10% increase over last year! Also, our year to date giving weekly average is \$17,511.11 which is running right at 11% ahead of what our weekly need is for our church budget! I am so thankful for God blessing us in these ways! I am thankful that we have a church family that remains faithful even during a very busy summer! Thank you for loving God and expressing it through your worship of Him and your giving to Him! Please continue to be faithful because there is so much ministry to be done in and through our church family.

Also, just want to remind you that our three summer discipleship classes start on July 8th. There will be info in this newsletter to help you understand what classes are being offered. Also, please know that if you have kids, they will participate in a fun and informative time designed just for them. Get signed up and come as much as you can and continue to grow in the Lord!!

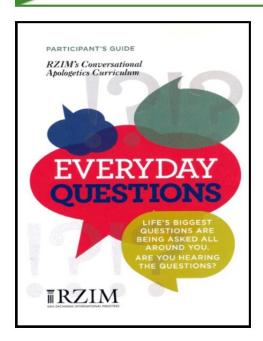
I am so optimistic about the future of Oakhill! God has blessed us, is blessing us, and is going to continue to bless us!! Like I have said many times in the past, "as God moves we need to move with Him." It is apparent that God is moving so I would ask you to join me in prayer to ask God to show us how it is that we need to move with Him. We must pray and believe with our whole heart that God is going to use us to continue to share the Gospel with those around us. And I am also convinced that we need to be a church that is marked by the clear and understandable preaching of the Word of God. The world does not need our opinions, they need the truth of God's Word!! Let's keep our eyes on Jesus and desire with our whole hearts to be used for His glory here in Evansville and around the world!!

I love you and I love being your pastor!

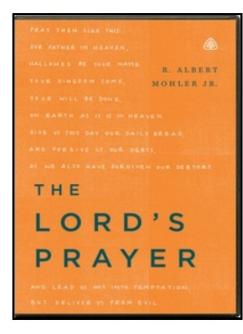
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THE STATS	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
8:00 AM Worship	81	93	102	79
9:30 AM Worship	203	182	203	180
11:00 AM Worship	176	208	205	229
Total Worship	460	483	510	488
Oakhill Budget Offering	\$18,655.00	\$13,054.32	\$21,797.33	\$16,438.36
Mission Club	\$420.00	\$280.00	\$255.00	\$185.00





Taught by Nick Scott and Nick Kessler



Taught by Jacob Townsend and Mike Schloss



Taught by Alan Scott and Bryan Gotcher

WOMEN ON MISSION

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Along with many other churches in the 1970's, Oakhill had an active bus ministry. This is a letter written by a young boy to George McEuen, one of our bus drivers.

Bro. Jones

I want to Nominate Big George as Man of The Year. He Takes Some of us Kids to Sunday School each week. IF he Cant Take us No one else From The Church Comes After Us. He Cares. He Talks To Our MoMMies & Daddy Maybe Someday They Will go Two. Tommies DiD One Time. He gave Them some MoNey To get something To eaT. He get us goodys. And TeLLs Us BOuT Jesus AND Heaven. He is good To US. And he has Big hands Like Jesus. I wish DADDY is Like him cause I KNOW Big George WouLD Never geT drunk And Tear up Our house of Toys or Whip us.

Mommy said you wouldn't Choose hiM so I couldn't WriTe.donT TeLL Her buT do Choose hiM. I Like To CoMe To SuNday SchooL.

Newsletter Article October 1971 - "Losing Sunday School leader hikes 3 miles to give plaque to contest-winning church" Allen W. Hill, Sunday School director for Northeast Park Baptist Church of Evansville, walked three miles Nov. 7 to present a plaque to Oakhill Baptist Church of the same city. Hill's church lost a contest over which church could raise its October Sunday School attendance the highest percentage above its average for June, July, and August. The loser, Hill, with a 27 percent increase walked the three miles between churches to present the plaque to his Oakhill counterpart, Robert D. Williams. Oakhill Baptist Church upped its October average by 48 percent above its summer average. The October contest will be repeated for the next two years with the church winning the most years getting to keep the plaque. Bill Carter is pastor of Oakhill Baptist Church, while Robert White is pastor of Northeast Park Baptist Church.

Women on Mission will meet Monday, July 9th at 6:00 pm at the church.

All our ladies are invited to be with us.



July Birthdays

- 1st Maddie Luttrell, Dorthea Schell
- 2nd Audrey Bates, Melinda Pylant
- 3rd Kevin Gibson, Emily Russell
- 4th J.R. Boyette, Dawna Fischer
- 5th Melody Miles, Darren Scott, Jennifer Tracy
- 7th George Gentry
- 8th Margot Jackson, Will Jackson,
- 9th Lyle Reid
- 10th Leona Rames, Gina Townsend, Iona Williams, Vicki Wilson
- 11th Adam Smith
- 12th Braxton Bishop, Judson Reagan, Lauren Schooler
- 13th Alisha Scott
- 14th Rachel Hellmer, Scott Painter, Paula Scott
- 15th Margie Duncan, Bryan Ruble
- 16th Hannah Reagan

- 17th Landry Gamblin, Grace Elizabeth Knuckles
- 18th Jeanne Clark, Maggie Hart, Meiah Luttrell, Adam Minor
- 19th Lowell Clark
- 20th Nathan Christian, Curtis Cronch, Mark Reed, Joanne Williams
- 21st Bonnie Beckham, Presley Mitchell
- 22nd Sandy Dierlam, Savannah Koberstein, Melissa Owen,
- 23rd Janice Hostetler, Savannah McGeorge, Jacob Smith
- 24th Lea Hampton, Molly Lamar, Allie Pavlichek, Madeleine Pettigrew
- 25th Robin Hollis, Jason Kessner, Cheir Koberstein, Sharon Northenor
- 26th Ryan Deckman, Dawn Dicks, Stan Fory
- 27th Reese Ramsey
- 28th Martha Boultinghouse, Lia Fuller, Tracy Monyhan, Daril
- Sutton
- 29th Amanda Bishop, John Luttrell, Hailey Moss
- 31st Reese Dassel, Adie Kessler, Randy Kilgore

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Our mission trip to Texas took us to what is known as the Golden Triangle, which encompasses several cities in the Beaumont and Port Arthur area. This region was hit hard by Hurricane Harvey last year. It was amazing to see all the work that still needs to be done, so

Texas Mission Trip Report

many people are still not back in their homes almost 9 months later. Many people didn't have flood insurance, since they were in areas that were previously not in flood plains.

We partnered with First Baptist Fannett and their Pastor, Scooter Wenner. They have just recently completed their flood renovation on their sanctuary and began worshipping in it in early May. They are still working on completing other areas, like a fellowship hall and Sunday school classrooms. Pastor Scooter was able to get our teams plenty of work projects. We have five teams that went out for the week. Team 1 helped a small church in Stowell, TX with their VBS. Their church was full of sweet people that loved on our volunteers. That team was overjoyed to be able to connect with local kids and help this church. Team 2 helped a lady named Creedean whose house had been flooded last year. She needed help installing doors and trim. Our team knocked it out in three days. Team 3 went to a lady named Vicki's house where they hung drywall all week. Team 4 went over to Trinity Baptist Church in Vidor and helped them with painting, hanging shelves, and caulking. They were a huge blessing to this mostly elderly congregation. The church showed their appreciation with lots and lots of good food. Team 5 was led by me and helped Pastor

Scooter's church by hanging trim, cleaning, organizing, and painting.

Our teams stayed busy all week and worked very hard. I was so proud of all the students, they didn't complain; they just jumped in and did whatever they needed to do. They were willing to listen and learn from the adults, so they could learn some new skills to complete the projects. I was also struck by how faithful and joyous all the Texans were. The joy of the Lord was present in all the people we interacted with. Even though they had been through such a devastating tragedy they were encouraged by the Lord and by people like us helping them out. Personally, I was encouraged to see faithful churches that were reaching out to others for the sake of the gospel. Pastor Scooter has been at his church for 18 years, faithfully preaching the word. He saw this tragedy as an opportunity for the Lord to do a great work. Not only did their entire church get updated and renovated, he has been able to send groups like us to represent them into the community.

I was also encouraged by the sweet spirit our group shared during the week. Any time you get a group of people together in close quarters for a week you will have people getting tired and grumpy; however, for the most part everyone was so nice and kind to each other. Everyone had a great attitude and was focused on helping others; I was so proud of all the students and adults that went. We were well taken care of by Rick and Cheryl Rollow, who supported our teams with lots of good food. We also had a very gracious host at the Shepherd's Inn. This former nursing home is a ministry that temporarily houses people that come from all over the nation to visit loved ones in one of the seven prisons in the Golden Triangle area. They allow mission teams to stay there during the week in the summer. They were a huge blessing to us.

We loved getting to see that part of Texas and serve the local churches and people there. As usual, they were a blessing to us as much as we were to them. Please pray for continue helped for the people in this area, there is still much to be done. Also, pray for the churches as they reach out with the hope of the gospel.

STUDENT MINISTRY



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Dear Church Family,

As many of you know, Kayla and I are expecting our first child in November, and we could not be more thrilled and excited! We have been waiting for what seems like a lifetime to learn the gender so we can know a little bit more about this person whom God is creating in the womb. She wanted a girl and I, of course, wanted a boy. But when it was time to go find out, we both had come to the place of complete contentedness about whatever gender it turned out to be. You can't control these things, so why not be excited for a surprising adventure? So that was our determination. Either way, we were ready for what God had in store for us.

When the sonographer said, "it's a boy!" we had insta-tears! Insta-tears are tears that basically explode from your eyes immediately due to anticipated joy. We were so thrilled! Not because we got what we were hoping for, but simply because we were getting to know our baby boy just a little bit more. We already knew his name. We've been thinking about baby names for several years now actually, so it was not very difficult to decide. His name is Samuel Lewis Van Doren. We did not just choose that name because it is obviously super cool. It has very important meaning and nostalgia behind it.

Samuel means "asked of God," or "God has heard." We named him Samuel because God has heard our prayer for a child and has answered us. We want our son to know where he came from and Who made him. He is not a random by-product of biology. He is a gift from God. Lewis means "renowned warrior." While that sounds good, there is more to it. My grandfather on my mom's side is named Lewis. He has been a huge influence on me in my Christian walk. He taught me that Jesus is my hero, and that there is nothing better than living my life for Him. We want our son to know that our Lord is a renowned warrior who defeated sin and death for him. We want our son to be a renowned warrior who will put his faith in Christ and live a life warring against sin and worldliness in his own life and around him.

This may sound a little intense to some of you, and that is ok. But it is our conviction that children are gifts from God that are given so we can make an impact on the world for His glory and our children's blessing. Psalm 127:3-5 says, "Behold, children are a ^[c]gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. ⁵ How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate." Arrows are designed to be shot out and to make an impact on their target. Children are also arrows that we are to raise and send out to make an impact on the world. We must raise them in the gospel and train their hearts. Samuel is our first arrow, and we are praying that he will fly in the power of the gospel exactly where the Lord would have him fly!

Thanks for reading. I hope this encourages you to influence the younger generation to live for the Lord and make an impact for His glory.

Sincerely, Brian Van Doren

WORSHIP



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Church Family,

I hope the summer is treating you well and you are all having lots of summer fun with your family and friends! It's been a busy season of ministry here at Oakhill, as we have seen God move in big ways this summer! We are just coming off an incredible week of VBS, and we hope you and your family were here to enjoy it. As I reflect on our time in VBS, I can't help but thing of the great times we had at the worship rally as our kids danced, sang, and worshipped through music! It's always a joy to hear a child speak and sing about Jesus.

If you're like me, you wish you could hear children worship like this all year long. The good news is that you don't have to wait until VBS every year to worship with your children! Worship with your children can happen any day, and any week. Yes, it may look and sound different. You may not have the fun VBS songs, the crazy lights, or dance motions, but you have the opportunity to teach your children more about what worship truly is. You have the opportunity to teach your children that worship doesn't come through your singing or dancing, but true worship comes through your heart. Here are 3 ways to worship with your children every day and week.

- 1) Bring your children to Church on Sunday mornings. This may seem like an obvious answer, but this is a guaranteed time to worship together once every week. Here at Oakhill, we have our Children's worship, and we also have our corporate worship times. Come and be a part every Sunday.
- 2) Worship in the car. This may seem different, but we all have CD players, IPods, etc., and these are all great resources to worship with. Find out some of your kid's favorite worship songs, or show them some new worship songs. Play these in your car, and encourage your family to sing along. Take the time you have in the car to talk about what the songs mean. Lead your children in worship while you are in the car together.
- 3) Find time for family worship in your home. In the evenings, in the mornings, whenever works best, find a time to gather around with your children and worship. You don't have to play an instrument, but you can sing some songs that they can easily learn. Amazing Grace is a great hymn to teach your children. And have your Bible with you. Take 20 minutes to read scripture together, pray, and sing. It will be well worth your time. We don't have to wait for times like VBS to worship with our children. Opportunities are all around us, we just have to take advantage of them!

In Christ.

Jared

-Spiritual Development



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Upcoming Event
Summer Discipleship
Classes
Sunday Nights
July 8th - Aug. 26th
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us this summer in one of our three classes that will cover topics such as parenting, apologetics and evangelism, and the Lord's Prayer.

Sign up at the Welcome Center or on the website.

Wisdom for Relationships

One of sin's greatest rebellions is our repeated refusal to listen and submit to the wisdom of God revealed on every page of his Word. Dr. Paul Tripp offers the following insight regarding how we can flourish in relationships by submitting to the wisdom of God's Word.

As I listened to them argue, blame, and graphically recount one another's wrongs, all colored with hurt and anger, a sad thought gripped me. The vast majority of what they needed to hear in order for their relationship to be what God intended for it to be was clearly written in the Bible that they both said they believed. Their marriage was the sad casualty of their street-level unwillingness to listen to God's wisdom and seek the grace he offered to live with one another in light of it.

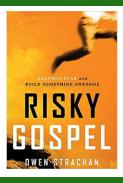
Consider one passage loaded with essential relational wisdom: "[Live together] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2–3). Think about these wise guidelines for relationships:

- 1. "with all humility . . . " Pride always destroys a relationship. It causes you to feel more entitled and to be more demanding than serving and giving. It drives you to insist on control. It makes you have to be right. It forces others to submit to your lordship. Pride is an anti-relational way of having a relationship. Humility is the godly way.
- 2. "and gentleness . . . " Treating a person with gentleness makes him or her want to move near you. Responding with gentleness teaches another person that he or she is safe in your care. It is an essential relational bond.
- 3. "with patience . . . " You cannot have a healthy communion with another flawed human being without being willing to wait. If you demand to have things your way and in your time, you are so busy loving yourself that you have little time left to love the other person.
- 4. "bearing with one another in love . . . " Love requires that you be willing to be forbearing, that is, willing to suffer. Why? Because you are in a relationship with a less-than-perfect person, living together in a fallen world. Both you and that person often fail.
- 5. "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit . . . " Love means unity is more important to you than being right, having your way, and getting what you want. Love rejoices in the fact that God's Spirit in both of you gives you a wonderful platform for unity.
- 6. "in the bond of peace." Love means committing to make peace, not war.

There simply are no more-important relational commitments that you could cite. The husband and wife I mentioned above held this wisdom in their hands, but did not listen. Do you?

Recommended Resource— Risky Gospel by Owen Strachan

How do you access areal, thriving, vibrant faith? You trust a big God, and you start living like he's real. It's time to put our comfort and ease and false security on the line. If we know God is real, let's pray as if he's actually listening. If we know he's good, let's reflect that goodness in the world. When our problems feel big, let's lean on the One who is bigger. Is that risky? "Sure," says Owen Strachan. "Embrace it anyway. It's literally the only way to live."



Manpenings



Proverbs 22:6
"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

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"Everybody say Yes to VBS"! As I write this article, we are in full motion with vacation bible school. We currently have 181 children registered and 80 volunteers each evening. During the day our summer camp kids get to experience VBS as well. There are over 100 children and 20 leaders during the day. All of the children (and adults) are having a blast. All smiles, the sweet giggles and loud laughter from the children make my heart melt. I love their excitement and I am overjoyed by the teens and adults that are pouring their time and talents into ALL of the children and their families. We have a very special church that I and my family consider ourselves extremely blessed to be a part of.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have helped to make this years vacation bible school happen. God gave our church an opportunity to share the gospel to the children in our church and community and we have embraced it! Along with sharing the gospel we have added some fun and exciting additions to the evening. Live Music and Dance Parties!! Yep, we have a full band, worship team, and some pretty interesting... dance moves by some of our pastors and leaders. I can't wait to see what God has instore for the rest of the week. I'm looking forward to sharing with you again in my article next month.

To add to the nature of investing into a child's spiritual walk... Kids Camp will be here before you know it. If you have a child entering 3rd - 6th grade, **PLEASE** consider allowing them to attend. We have five extremely responsible and wonderful adults that are ready to invest into your child. Crossings Ministry is a top notch facility with experienced staff and student missionaries that are ready to share the gospel and invest into the children. Go to www.gocrossings.org for more information about the camp. We would love to have your child spend the week with us at Kids Camp. For now, know that Oakhill Baptist Church is Geared Up and ready. It is Game On when it comes to sharing the gospel with our children and families.

- July 1st 6:00 pm Fireworks Celebration Free! Hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream provided by the church. Inflatables & games. Fireworks at dark. Bring lawn chairs and pop-up tents. Invite your friends!
- Starting July 8th (Sunday evenings 6-7:30m) "Life Lessons for Kids" While parents take part in discipleship classes, kids will also have bible lessons, games and activities.
- July 18th all day Burdette Park Swimming discounted \$5 admission tickets available at the Welcome Desk.
- July 26th-29th Kids Camp @ Crossing Cedermore for upcoming 3rd 6th grade. Payment due by July 8th.
- August 5th Promotion Sunday All children will promote up into their new grade appropriate class.

I pray your children are able to take part in these awesome opportunities to have fun and more importantly grow in their relationship with Christ.

Thank you for allowing me to love on your little ones!



July 2018 Ministry Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Sunday Schedule No Evening Life Groups Fireworks Celebration 6:00 pm	2	3 Student Pool Party at Futrell's House	4 Independence Day Church Office & Daycare Closed	5	6	7 Student Camp
8 Regular Sunday Schedule Student Camp	9 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm Women on Mission 6:00 pm Student Camp	10 Student Camp	11 Regular Wednesday Schedule Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm Student Camp	12	13	14 Food Pantry 9:00 am State Hospital Ministry 9:45 am
15 Regular Sunday Schedule	16 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	17	18 Regular Wednesday Schedule Burdette Park Swimming	19	20 Students Kayak/ Canoeing	21 Food Pantry 9:00 am
22 Regular Sunday Schedule Students Cookout at Wesselman Park	23 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	24	25 Regular Wednesday Schedule	26 Kids Camp	27 Kids Camp	28 Kids Camp Block Party at Trailer Park
29 Regular Sunday Schedule Kids Camp	30 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm JH Mission Week	31 JH Mission Week	Sunday Schedule 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Summer Discipleship Classes		Wednesday Schedule 12:00 pm Prayer & Bible Study Luncheon 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	

Serving Others at Oakhill

July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Deacon of the Week	Deacon of the Week	Deacon of the Week	Deacon of the Week	Deacon of the Week
Richard West (812) 853-7930	Jeff Thornton (812) 746-8739	Alan Simpson (812) 477-7204	Chad Mehne (812) 774-6212	Brad Lamar (812) 480-9663
Steve Comer (812) 437-2922	Ty Nixon (812) 518-8759	Chris Fischer (812) 630-9443	Robert Jackson (812) 491-6803	Mark Schmitz (812) 454-237
Chair Set-Up Team	Chair Set-Up Team	Chair Set-Up Team	Chair Set-Up Team	Chair Set-Up Team
Gotcher/Calverley Groups	Mitchell/N.Scott Groups	Deckman Group	Kessler/Pettigrew Groups	Mosaic/Schloss/A.Scott Groups
		8:00 AM Service		
<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	Nursery	<u>Nursery</u>	Nursery
Mary Gamblin & Daniel Bannister	Jane Jett & Alice Mosley	Shawn & Robin Hudson	Toni Gillispie & Emily McGeorge	Larry & Bonnie Beckham
<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	Greeters	Greeters
Bonnie Beckham & April Helm	David & Sharon Harmes	Marge Pontious & Bob Williams	Bob & Angela Pressley	Jenny Campbell & Shirley Guinn
Welcome Center	Welcome Center	Welcome Center	Welcome Center	Welcome Center
Amanda Washburn	Mary Gamblin	Dawn Ommart	Shirlene Kilgore	Robert Jackson
		9:30 AM Service		
<u>Nursery</u>	Nursery	<u>Nursery</u>	Nursery	Nursery
Bethanne Long	Sean & Audrey McDonald	Dave & Kristie Swenson	Jessica Principe	Dave & Kristie Swenson
<u>Greeters</u>	Greeters	Greeters	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Jon & Heidi Hart, April Helm	Ryan & Wynter Deckman,	Brett & Tammy Creamer,	Ty & Teresa Nixon, Tom	April Helm, Jeff & Janice
	Cheri Koberstein, Ron Wiandt	Sandy Dierlam, Tom Stofleth	Stofleth	Hostetler
Welcome Center	Welcome Center	Welcome Center	Welcome Center	Welcome Center
Sondra Schloss	John & Pam Schultz	Deann Moss	April Helm	Deann Moss
		11:00 AM Service		
<u>Nursery</u>	Nursery	<u>Nursery</u>	Nursery	Nursery
Jon & Heidi Hart	Mourine Schmitt & Emily	Amy Olsen & Cheri	Kathy & Kylie Masterson	Toni Gillispie & Emily
	Grace Luttrell	Koberstein		McGeorge
<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>
Ryan & Wynter Deckman	Blake & Kelsie Palmer	Adam & Jamie Ice	Jeff & Lindsay Beck	Jon & Lori Couts
<u>Greeters</u>	Greeters	Greeters	<u>Greeters</u>	Greeters
Nancy Andrews, Curtis	Sara Calverley, Ralph Rode	Brett Creamer, Dawna	Curtis Cronch, Shirley Williams	Jim & Barb Burns
Cronch		Fischer		
Welcome Center	Walanna C. :	Welcome Center	Welcome Center	Welcome Center
Kathleen Qualkenbush	Welcome Center Darrell Ommart	Jacob & Gina Townsend	Jacob & Gina Townsend	Becky Cosby
<u>Van Driver</u>	Van Driver	<u>Van Driver</u>	Van Driver	Van Driver